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Please see the enclosed letter.

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ADJUSTABLE SPLINT DEVICE FOR RELIEVING CONTRACTURES

### **LETTER**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Please note that there is no section giving the "Assignment for Published Patent Application" on the enclosed copy of the Filing Receipt.

It is respectfully requested that the Filing Receipt be corrected as follows:

Assignment for Published Patent Application DYNASPLINT SYSTEMS, INC.

Enclosed is a copy of the postcard with the PTO mailroom date stamp of 10/02/03 showing that the Assignment was received along with the application. Also enclosed is a copy of the cover letter which lists the assignment and check paying for assignment recordation.

We have also attached a notice showing that our firm has undergone a name change as a result of reorganization. The firm name was Armstrong, Westerman & Hattori, LLP. It has been changed to Armstrong, Kratz, Quintos, Hanson & Brooks, LLP.

Serial No. 10/677,540 Docket No. 02297-PA Inventor: Hepburn et al.

Accordingly, the applicants requests that the Filing Receipt be changed to reflect the above corrections, and that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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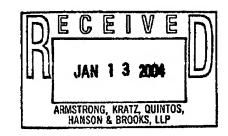
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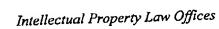
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THIS NEW PATENT APPLICATION IS BEING FILED BY EXPRESS MAIL, TODAY, AND IS ENTITLED TO HAVE TODAY'S DATE ON THE OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT.

Enclosed please find the following:

- New U.S.A. patent application entitled "ADJUSTABLE SPLINT DEVICE FOR RELIEVING CONTRACTURES", including abstract, specification and claims (17 pages) and formal drawings (12 sheets), Hepburn et al, Inventors.
- Declaration duly executed.
- Assignment duly executed.

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- 4. Form PTO-1595 duly executed.
- 5. Utility Patent Application Transmittal duly executed, in duplicate.
- 6. Our check No. 01271, in the amount of \$425.00, to cover the application filing fee (\$385.00) and the assignment filing fee (\$40.00).
- 7. Our post card. (Please date stamp and return.)

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Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

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